

01 complexity of the legal issues involved.” *Wilborn v. Escalderon*, 789 F.2d 1328, 1331 (9th
02 Cir. 1986) (internal quotations omitted). These factors must be viewed together before
03 reaching a decision on a request for counsel. *Id.*

04 At this time, the Court is unable to assess the likelihood of success on the merits of
05 plaintiffs’ case. However, plaintiffs have not shown that, in light of the complexity of the
06 legal issues involved, they are unable to articulate their claims *pro se*. To the contrary,
07 plaintiffs’ pleadings are fairly articulate and demonstrate a basic understanding of the facts
08 and law involved in their case. Thus, plaintiffs have not demonstrated that this case involves
09 exceptional circumstances that warrant the appointment of counsel at the present time.

10 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to the plaintiffs and the
11 Honorable James L. Robart, United States District Judge.

12 DATED this 29th day of January, 2007.

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14 JAMES P. DONOHUE
15 United States Magistrate Judge
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